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COMMENTS INVITED ON APPLICATION OF TW TELECOM OF ARIZONA LLC TO DISCONTINUE DOMESTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

WC Docket No. 14-21 Comp. Pol. File No. 1141

Comments Due: February 21, 2014

Section 214 Application

Applicant: tw telecom of arizona llc

On January 22, 2014, tw telecom of arizona llc (TW Telecom or Applicant), located at 10475 Park Meadows Drive, Littleton, CO 80124, filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) requesting authority, under section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and section 63.71 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue certain domestic telecommunications services in Arizona.¹

TW Telecom indicates that it currently offers Complete Dynamic ATM service in the Tuscon, Arizona metropolitan area (Service Area). According to TW Telecom, Complete Dynamic ATM service is a flexible bandwidth bundled service consisting of local exchange service with selected features, a long distance and/or toll free usage allowance of 2,500 minutes, shared web hosting and Internet access. In its notice letter to customers, TW Telecom states that the equipment used to provision this service is no longer supported in its current product portfolio.² TW Telecom states that it currently plans to remove the outdated equipment from its network and fully discontinue the service in the Service Area on or after March 12, 2014, subject to Commission approval. TW Telecom maintains that the public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the proposed discontinuance because all affected customers have been given notice that affords them ample time to acquire reasonable substitute services readily available in the Service Area. For example, in its notice letter, TW Telecom offers to migrate affected customers to its Converged Services platform which allows customers to fully integrate Voice (analog lines, PRI, digital trunks) with data (VPN) and/or Internet and Security services on a single

¹ TW Telecom states that it is also filing notice of the proposed discontinuance with the International Bureau. Discontinuance of international service is governed by section 63.19 of the Commission's rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 63.19.

² TW Telecom suggests that it previously notified customers that they could continue to use Complete Dynamic ATM service as long as they did not require any modifications or additions to the service. There is no indication, however, that TW Telecom made any prior filings seeking authority to discontinue, reduce or impair Complete Dynamic ATM service in the Service Area. We note that any action on this application is without prejudice to any potential enforcement action related to any previous unauthorized discontinuance, reduction or impairment of Complete Dynamic ATM service.

connection. TW Telecom indicates that affected customers were notified of the proposed discontinuance by letters sent via U.S. mail on January 22, 2014. TW Telecom asserts that it is considered a non-dominant carrier in its provision of Complete Dynamic ATM service in the Service Area.

In accordance with section 63.71(c) of the Commission's rules, TW Telecom's application will be deemed to be granted automatically on the 31st day after the release date of this public notice, unless the Commission notifies TW Telecom that the grant will not be automatically effective. In the application, TW Telecom indicates that it plans to discontinue Complete Dynamic ATM service in the Service Area on or after March 12, 2014, subject to Commission approval. Accordingly, pursuant to section 63.71(c) and the terms of TW Telecom's application, absent further Commission action, TW Telecom may discontinue Complete Dynamic ATM service in the Service Area on or after **March 12**, **2014**. The Commission normally will authorize proposed discontinuances of service unless it is shown that customers or other end users would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier, or that the public convenience and necessity would be otherwise adversely affected.

Comments objecting to this application must be filed with the Commission on or before **February 21, 2014**. Such comments should refer to **WC Docket No. 14-21 and Comp. Pol. File No. 1141**. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance on the commenter, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies. *See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998). Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. In completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission. All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. The filing hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of <u>before</u> entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

Two copies of the comments should also be sent to the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C140, Washington, D.C. 20554, Attention: Carmell Weathers. In addition, comments should be served upon the Applicant. Commenters are also requested to fax their comments to the FCC at (202) 418-1413, Attention: Carmell Weathers.

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 et seq.

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For further information, contact Carmell Weathers, (202) 418-2325 (voice), Carmell.Weathers@fcc.gov, or Rodney McDonald, (202) 418-7513 (voice), Rodney.McDonald@fcc.gov, of the Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau. The tty number is (202) 418-0484. For further information on procedures regarding section 214 please visit http://www.fcc.gov/wcb/cpd/other_adjud.